



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5371)

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Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell,
Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and
Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (13-5181)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of October 16, 2013. (13-5183)

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Lee, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and
Commissioner Shan Lee

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner James Barger

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on recommendation to deny Manager Business License ID #140624 for Jason J Braga, located at 1957 East Del Amo Boulevard, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220 in the Second District. (13-5309)

This item was tabled to allow time for Commissioner Campbell to return to the dais. Upon Commissioner Campbell's return the item was discussed.

Investigator Luskleet, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Major Crimes Bureau, Business Licensing Unit, explained that during the application process he provided Jason J Braga with a Sheriff's Department form requesting additional information in which Mr. Braga failed to disclose prior arrests and convictions. The recommendation to deny was issued based on Los Angeles County Code Section 7.08.080(C).

Vice President Campbell asked Mr. Braga if he understood that the application was asking for disclosures of any convictions and was not limited to felonies. Mr. Braga explained that he misunderstood the extent of the disclosures and believed it was referring to felonies. With the approval of Mr. Braga, Investigator Luskleet disclosed Mr. Braga's prior arrest and conviction record to the Commission. Mr. Braga informed the Commission that he possess a guard card and gun permit.

President Afriat asked Investigator Luskleet if Mr. Braga had disclosed his prior convictions would the application still be denied. Investigator Luskleet explained that his recommendation to deny was solely based on Mr. Braga's failure to disclose prior arrests and convictions and had he been honest, nothing on his record would have prevented him from obtaining a license.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Investigator Luskleet confirmed that he understood the reasoning for the misinformation provided on behalf of Mr. Braga. President Afriat clarified that the manager license is transferrable to any establishment the applicant chooses to manage.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission overturned the recommendation to deny Manager Business License ID#140624.

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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4. Hearing on application for Health Spa/Club, Business License ID# 139830, to issue a new license to Fitness International, LLC, Kathryn Serena Polson, Chief Financial Officer of LA Fitness and Pro Results, located at 24945 Pico Canyon Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381 in the Fifth District. (13-5191)

This item was tabled to allow applicant time to arrive. This item was discussed after item #7.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, and duly carried, in the absence of the applicant, this item was taken off calendar.

After clarification by County Counsel on the appropriate action the Commission should take, on motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, this item was reconsidered.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat, and duly carried, this item was continued to the meeting of December 11, 2013.

Discussion on efforts made to attend meetings timely ensued. In the presence of the applicant, Commissioner Barger withdrew his previous motion.

President Afriat asked why Kathryn Serena Polson was not present, Lisa Ateaga, District Vice President, Fitness International, LLC indicated that Ms. Polson had a previous engagement to attend. Commissioner Barger expressed his discontent with the applicant's late arrival.

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for a health spa club, the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objections to the issuance of the license.

Ms. Ateaga provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Ateaga stated that the club has belief system of doing the best; the company has grown over the years and has been operating since 1984. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Ateaga clarified that the name of the company is Fitness International, LLC doing business as LA Fitness. Ms. Ateaga clarified that Ms. Polson's position is Chief Financial Officer of the corporation. She also indicated that the goal of the corporation is for all members to be fit. Commissioner Lee asked that the dimensions in the floor plans be revised to reflect accurate dimensions.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the condition that a revised floor plan with the correct dimensions be submitted within one week to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Business License Office.

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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- 5.** Hearing on application for Entertainment-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 139265, to issue a new license to Albert Robles, owner of Cheers At All Corked Up located at 26340 Diamond Place #100, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Fifth District. (13-5194)

This item was tabled to allow the applicant time to arrive. Upon the applicant's arrival the item was discussed.

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Entertainment General/SC business license, the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; City of Santa Clarita has no objections to the issuance of the license.

Albert Robles, owner of Cheers at all Corked Up, provided a brief overview of the business. Mr. Robles indicated that the business is a full service restaurant that serves beer and wine. Entertainment is provided in the form of a live band, there is no stage or dressing room at the location. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Robles stated that he is originally from New York and has been in California since 1984. The location is approximately 2,200 square feet with a private banquet room and an outside patio. Mr. Robles indicated that the live bands provided vary and are no larger than four members with amplified music. Mr. Robles also stated that the music sound level is always set at an agreeable level for his patrons and business is located at in an industrial area.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

1. Comply with existing Conditional Use Permit; and
2. Dressing room and stage waiver

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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6. Hearing on recommendation to deny Secondhand Dealer Business License ID #140461 for Maria Argelia Barcenas, Secondhand Chance Resale Store, located at 24357 Main Street, Newhall, CA 91321 in the Fifth District. (Continued from meetings of 9/11/13 and 10/9/13) (13-4187)

This item was discussed after item #3. Lupe Duron, Commission Staff reported that the applicant confirmed she is working with the City of Santa Clarita in obtaining the appropriate license to conduct business; her written request to withdraw her appeal is pending.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, this item was taken of calendar.

Ayes: 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

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III. REPORT

7. Commissioners' Comments. (13-5184)

President Afriat asked for County Counsel's opinion on how to proceed with an appeal received by Bliss Showgirls in response to a Sheriff's Department recommendation to deny. Barbara Goul, County Counsel, agreed to discuss the matter with the President Afriat and Secretary Vasquez after the meeting since the item was not agendized.

The Commission reviewed the Calendar for November and December. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

**November 27, 2013 and
December 4, 2013**

The next regular Business License Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 20, 2013.

The Commission agreed to hold a special organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-5186)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

9. Adjournment for the meeting of November 13, 2013. (13-5187)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.